

MODULE 2 LESSON #2 : The Social Implications of Introducing New Technology

1.] Do you agree with the proposed phase-out of public utility jeeps? Why or why not?

Please be concrete and concise as possible.

Agree (Points to consider: Pollution / Driver's Income / Passenger's Need)

With the new environment friendly models that produce less toxic gas, it would seem best to have the phase-out of the older models of the public utility jeeps. Compared to the older model, the newer ones provide better comfort and relief for passengers. These include the seat arrangement and ergonomic size of the jeep for passengers entering the vehicle. In the long run, Filipino commuters would see a change in their daily commutes and may appear to enjoy their journeys more.

In the long run, it would be better to have the phase-out of public utility jeeps. This kind of thinking falls in line with the idea of “innovate or perish”. If you think about it, if the Philippines sticks with the old jeepneys then that could bring harmful effects to the country in the long run because the old jeepneys bring their own set of problems such as being harmful to the environment and being able to break easily. So if the Philippines does not phase out the old jeepneys then that can have some serious harmful effects on both the environment and people of the country.

The actual new jeeps that are proposed to replace the old jeeps are essentially the superior versions of the old jeepneys and as such, they should be incorporated into the transportation of the Philippines. As mentioned in the videos they have numerous benefits such as being eco-friendly, being stronger than the old jeepneys and providing better pay to the jeepney drivers. As you can see, the new jeepneys bring benefits for numerous parties involved i.e. the country, the passengers and the jeepney drivers.

One thing to note is that the disagreements are on matters that would happen on transition (acquisition cost of the new jeepneys, change in route) rather than on the end result of this transition, which include the complaints on the transition which concern the natural transition of the workers who would be doing the work; workers who are unable to adapt due to internal or external reasons would be replaced.